

24 June 1970

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Vietnamese Affairs Staff Items for Inclusion in
DCI Book

1. NSSM-95. Following our conversation on Friday (19 June), I phoned Jonathan Moore at about 1830 to review our position on the draft and our substantive problems with it. Moore and Co. met on Saturday for extensive rewriting (I spent the day sailing on the Bay). The full committee met again on Monday morning, Monday afternoon and again on Tuesday morning to go over the final text. I had problems with it as did Admiral Epes, representing the JCS. We have cooperated in every way possible (including furnishing the maps), but I still did not want to sign us on. The compromise evolved was that Jonathan promised to have Marshall Green sign a transmittal letter that Spin Epes and I composed. The letter should say that the attached memo constituted a response to the request levied in NSSM-95, that the memo was prepared by a five-man committee (of representatives of State, SecDef, Chairman of the JCS, NSC Staff and DCI), and that each of the members of the committee had reservations about various aspects of the paper which their respective principals would probably address when it came up for consideration.

2. Present schedule is for NSSM-94 and 95 to be looked at together "some time next week" (i. e., week of 29 June) by either the Under Secretaries Committee or a bob-tailed NSC. I will give you the final version, when we get it, plus a briefing note.

3. A pertinent social note arose during the above. Spin Epes (who sits with me on the Sullivan Committee, has become a good personal friend as well as professional colleague, and is very high on the Agency) is soon moving to replace the present Director of the Navy's

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Strategic Plans and Policy Division, who is replacing Zumwalt, who is the new CNO. Spin, now J-5 of the Joint Staff, has already had command of a Carrier Task Force. Previous holders of his new job include Arleigh Burke and John McCain. His Navy career would therefore seem far from a dead end.

25X1 4. VSSG Study. [REDACTED] and I spent from 1600 until 2030 Tuesday (23 June) at a dismal VSSG Working Group meeting considering a cease-fire paper slated for review by the VSSG principals at 1030 Thursday (25 June). The paper is not very good and in its present form it is either useless or dangerous if floated at the Presidential level: useless, because it is not well thought out and certainly does not reflect the considered and coordinated distillate judgments of the community; dangerous, because it pretends to be a precise, careful and thorough study and hence offers half baked views in the guise of careful judgments. I will brief whoever you want to take the Thursday VSSG in more detail.

25X1 5. Wheeler Request. I have touched all Agency bases on the Wheeler request for support on the Son Tay operation and drafted a reply to his 19 June letter for your signature. Briefly, we have already given General Blackburn (SACSA) all our information on the Son Tay PW camp and [REDACTED] is already being as helpful on this as we can be. If you are interested, I can give you a more comprehensive run-down on this exercise and what is involved therein.

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